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## VA is now offering the COVID vaccine to eligible adolescents

**NEW ORLEANS**—The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System is now vaccinating adolescents ages 12 to 17 who are eligible family members of Veterans. This expansion is in line with recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. Previously, VA was vaccinating adults age 18 and older.

“Vaccinating Veterans’ family members helps keep Veterans safe,” said Medical Center Director Fernando Rivera. “We are excited to offer the vaccine to the adolescents who participate in caring for Veterans.”

For more information about the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System COVID-19 vaccine clinic operations, call 1-800-935-8387 extension 72819 or visit <https://www.neworleans.va.gov/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp>.

Information about the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, clinic locations and services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, can be found on the website [www.neworleans.va.gov](http://www.neworleans.va.gov), or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, keyword: VANewOrleans.

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